

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 17 on page 4 of the Specification with the following:

The solvent can be removed from the dispersion by evaporation, for example by evaporation from the dispersion in a tray to leave a film of material. In other embodiments the solvent, preferably water, is removed by freeze-drying (lyophilizing) or solvent-drying to produce the material in the form of a sponge. Preferably, the solvent dispersion contains 5 – 30mg/ml of chitosan. Preferably, the method of lyophilisation is similar to that described for a collagen-based sponge in US Patent No. 3,157,524 ~~US-A-2157224~~, the entire content of which is incorporated herein by reference.